



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL
INSPECTIONS**

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Wednesday, November 28, 2012

10:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (12-5557)

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Present: Chairperson Eleanor R. Montañó, Vice Chairperson Frank S. Bacio, Commissioner Barbara Bigby, Commissioner Cheryl Grills Ph.D., Commissioner Anne S. Hill, Commissioner Donald S. Andrews and Commissioner Susan Burton

Call to Order. (12-5412)

**Chairperson Montañó called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
Commissioner Grills joined the meeting at 10:20 a.m.**

Chairperson Montañó led in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

1. Approval of the November 14, 2012 Minutes. (12-5413)

On motion of Vice Chairperson Bacio, seconded by Commissioner Bigby, unanimously carried, the minutes of November 14, 2012 were approved.

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2. Department Representatives Report's for November 28, 2012.

Department of Auditor-Controller
Monthly Report

Department of Children and Family Services

Monthly Report

Internal Services Department
Monthly Report

Department of Mental Health
Monthly Report

Probation Department
Monthly Report

Sheriff's Department
Monthly Report (12-5420)

Auditor-Controller (AC)

There was no representative present to provide a report.

Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)

Patricia Balonos-Gonzalez, Children Services Administrator, Out of Home Care Management Division, DCFS, reported that during the current period beginning October 17, 2012 to November 27, 2012 there were a total of 951 runaways.

Ms. Balonos-Gonzalez also reported that during the period of October 17, 2012 to November 27, 2012 DCFS received 18 hotline referrals in the following categories:

- **2 Children at Risk**
- **4 Emotional Abuse**
- **7 General Neglect**
- **4 Physical Abuse**
- **1 Sexual Abuse**

During the same reporting period there were a total of 11 closed cases in the following categories:

- **2 Emotional Abuse**
 - **2 Unfounded**
- **4 General Neglect**
 - **2 Unfounded**
 - **1 Substantiated**
 - **1 Evaluated out**

- **3 Physical Abuse**
 - **1 Unfounded**
 - **1 Inconclusive**
 - **1 Evaluated out**
- **2 Sexual Abuse**
 - **1 Inconclusive**
 - **1 Evaluated out**

Ms. Balonos-Gonzalez further reported that Mozell Pennington group home has been on hold for a month; DCFS will not be renewing the contract for Perfect Image Group Homes and DCSF has also been working collaboratively with Probation to provide training on sexual exploitation. Some providers have been included in the training process.

Internal Services Department (ISD)

Brian Lear, Building Crafts Superintendent, Internal Services Department (ISD), reported on the progress of some corrective projects going on at the probation camps. A list of items that was sent to deferred maintenance was distributed to the Commissioners. The list has been approved by the Chief Executive Office and maintenance division will be going forward with the changes. Additionally, he reported that most of the changes are geared towards domestic water tanks and piping throughout the camps. Camp Gonzalez is currently in the process of installing new beams and a new roof.

Department of Mental Health (DMH)

There was no representative present to provide a report.

Probation Department (PD)

The report on the status on Absent With Out Leave (AWOL) incidents for the month of October 2012 was sent to the Commissions e-mail by Ms. Lisa Campbell-Motton, Director of Placement Permanency & Quality Assurance. The report was distributed by staff.

Sheriff's Department

Commander Warren Asmus, Sheriff's Department, announced that Chief

Michael Grossman of the Sheriff's Department Homeland Security Division has retired after 39 years of service. A replacement has not been identified yet.

Commander Asmus further reported that the closure of ten (10) courthouses is slated for 2013. The process is being referred to as repurposing instead of closure. Some of the closed courthouses may need to be reopened due to the growth in population. Upon the closure of the Pomona courthouse many of its cases will be transferred to the West Covina Courthouse. The Sheriff Department personnel at the courthouses will not be affected negatively because the funding for the affected personnel comes directly from the State to the Sheriff's Department and the supervisors will be working with the Chief to transition some of the sergeants into vacant Supervising Deputy positions in the juvenile facilities.

Continuing his report Commander Asmus reported that the Sheriff's Department will be purchasing CCTV cameras totaling \$110,000 to ensure better surveillance in the facilities. The Sheriff's Department has also reached out to the Administration Office of the Court to help fund the panel that controls the sliding gate in the lockups that have been broken for many years. The project is anticipated to be completed by 2013.

Commander Asmus continued that the Sheriff is focused on implementing the recommendations of the Citizens' Commission on Jail Violence (CCJV) regarding the Men's Central Jail (MCJ). The Department is looking at transforming the custody division to become its own corrective system. There will be a dual career path for the Deputies where they are given the option of pursuing a career in the patrol or custody division. In the dual system the custody division will have a separate person directly over the unit.

The Commissioners were also advised that the Sheriff is looking at hiring an Assistant Sheriff from outside of the Sheriff's Department.

As a follow-up to the Commission's requests from past meetings, Commander Asmus will remind Commander Cooper of the Commission's interest to invite the Chair of the Inmate Welfare Commission to one of SBC's future meetings. He will also follow-up on the Commission's request to review a copy of the telephone contract, as well as, coordinate SBC tours for Commissioners of the Long Beach

Courthouse lockup and the mental health section of the Twin Towers Jail ward in early part of 2013.

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II. REPORTS

3. Chairperson's Report on various items for November 28, 2012. (12-5414)

Chairperson Montaño shared the following Newspaper Articles with the Commissioners:

Daily Breeze:

- **Trained DCFS Team Keeps Children Safe Amid Raids (November 25, 2012)**

Los Angeles Times:

- **Foster Youth in Sex Trade (November 28, 2012)**

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4. Treasurer's Report for November 28, 2012. (12-5415)

Vice Chairperson Frank Bacio reported that the current bank statement balance of the Commission's Charitable Fund is \$561.58.

5. Staff Report on Correspondence Received and Department Representative Reports for November 28, 2012. (12-5421)

Ms. Bolaji Famuyiwa, Commission Services Staff, reported that the Commissioners for the Citizen's Commission on Jail Violence (CCJV) has responded and accepted the Commission's invitation to attend the December 5, 2012 SBC meeting. Ms. Miriam Krinsky, Executive Director of CCJV has advised that she will be attending along with Chairperson Judge Baird and General Counsel Rick Drooyam. Commissioner Bonner, and Vice Chairperson Murray may also attend.

Ms. Famuyiwa also presented the Commissioners with the 2013 SBC meeting schedule. A brief discussion ensued leading to a revision on the calendar. SBC will meet on December 20, 2012. On motion of Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Andrews, unanimously carried, the 2013 SBC meeting scheduled was approved with the recommended revision.

As requested by the Commission, Ms. Famuyiwa presented a draft certificate that was prepared to commend Mr. Bill Bermudez the teacher in Room 15 at the Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall. The Commissioners deliberated on whether or not Mr. Bermudez should be invited to come to the SBC meeting to receive the certificate or send the certificate by mail. On motion of Commissioner Andrews, seconded by Commissioner Hill and duly carried by the following Commissioners, the certificate of commendation will be mailed to Mr. Bermudez with a cover letter from the Commission.

Ayes: 4 - Chairperson Eleanor R. Montaña, Vice Chairperson Frank S. Bacio, Commissioner Anne S. Hill and Commissioner Donald S. Andrews

Noes: 3 - Commissioner Barbara Bigby, Commissioner Cheryl Grills Ph.D. and Commissioner Susan Burton

6. Review of Group Home Compliance Monitoring Audit Reports presented on November 28, 2012. (12-5424)

In Compliance:

- Chairperson Montaña and Commissioner Andrews visited Los Angeles Youth Network - Page 26 # 1, on November 15, 2012.
- Vice Chairperson Bacio visited Heritage Group Home - Page 20 #4, on November 27, 2012.

Out of Compliance:

- Commissioner Bigby visited Ettie Lee Home - Page 16 #1, on November 27, 2012 and reported that one out of the two Needs and Service Plans were missing the social workers signature, five of the probation youth did not have follow-up reports pertaining to the boys progress or goals, the \$50.00 clothing allowance was not distributed at the same time nor recorded in the allowance log.
- Commissioner Burton visited Teen's Happy Home - Page 40 #4, on November 26, 2012 and reported that one child is having attendance problems and the provider is looking into finding a smaller class setting and one child has not been enrolled in school for three weeks.
- Commissioners Grills and Burton visited Community Youth Sports Arts Foundation - Page 9 #4, on November 27, 2012 reported that

the living room and bedroom furniture needs to be replaced, more non-perishable foods are needed, the youth clothing supply was low, the house rules, activity, or daily schedules were not posted, life books were not up to date nor well populated, medications were not clearly labeled or individualized in separate boxes or bags, bedrooms had odor, the special needs were not addressed for one youth that needed speech therapy, dental, and vision treatment, the bedroom walls needed painting, all bed posts needs repair, curtain rods needs replacement, bathtub need resurfacing, bathrooms needs proper cleaning, dresser drawers need replacement, and children were treated as if they were in military environment instead of a home environment.

7. Commissioners Reports on Group Home and/or Detention Facilities Inspections from November 15, 2012 to November 27, 2012. (12-5425)

During the reporting period the following Group Homes/Facilities were reported as being in satisfactory condition:

- **Vice Chairperson Bacio and Commissioner Bigby visited Burbank Court on November 20, 2012.**
- **Chairperson Montaño and Commissioner Andrews visited Children's Home of Southern California - Page 9 #1, on November 19, 2012.**
- **Chairperson Montaño and Commissioner Andrews visited Pennacle Foundation - Page 32 #4 on November 20, 2012.**
- **Chairperson Montaño and Commissioner Andrews visited Van Nuys West Wing Criminal Branch on November 21, 2012.**
- **Chairperson Montaño and Commissioner Andrews visited Pico Rivera Station on November 27, 2012.**

III. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

8. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Committee subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (12-5426)

There were no matters presented for a future agenda.

Public Comment

9. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (12-5427)

There were no members of the public present to address the Commission.

Adjournment

10. Adjournment for the meeting of November 28, 2012. (12-5428)

There being no further business, the meeting of November 28, 2012 was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.